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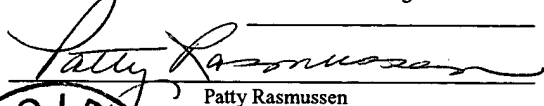
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for a two-month extension of time for responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated November 21, 2000, extending the statutory period of response from January 21, 2001 to March 21, 2001.

Our check in the amount of \$195.00 to cover the fee for the two-month extension of time is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2230. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



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